

CLAIM

1. A liner for storing unvulcanized elastomeric materials, the liner having a first end and a second end, and an associated width, length and longitudinal centerline, the liner
5 comprising:
 a first portion extending from the first end of the liner to a first transition region in the liner, the first transition region being between the first end and the second end of the liner; and,
 a second portion extending from the first transition region in the liner to the
10 second end of the liner, the first portion of the liner being made of a first material and the second portion of the liner being made of a second material.
2. The liner of claim 1 wherein the associated unvulcanized materials tend to stick to the first portion of the liner at a first propensity for sticking, and the associated unvulcanized materials tend to stick to the second portion of the liner at a second
15 propensity for sticking, the first propensity for sticking being different than the second propensity for sticking.
3. The liner of claim 2 wherein the first propensity for sticking is greater than the second propensity for sticking.
4. The liner of claim 2 wherein the first transition region is a line.
- 20 5. The liner of claim 4 wherein the first transition region is a straight line.
6. The liner of claim 5 where the first transition region is a line generally perpendicular to the longitudinal centerline of the liner.
7. A system for storing unvulcanized elastomeric materials, the system comprising:
 A first liner, the first liner having a first end, a second end and an associated
25 width, length and longitudinal centerline;
 A second liner, the second liner having a first end, a second end and an associated width, length and longitudinal centerline, the first end of the second liner being positioned near the second end of the first liner, the first liner being made of a first material and the second liner being made of a second material.
- 30 8. The system of claim 7 wherein the associated unvulcanized materials tend to stick to the first liner at a first propensity for sticking, and the associated unvulcanized materials tend to stick to the second liner at a second propensity for sticking, the

first propensity for sticking being different than the second propensity for sticking.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein the first propensity for sticking is greater than the second propensity for sticking.

10. A method of storing an associated strip of unvulcanized elastomeric material

5 within liners, a first liner having a first end, a second end and an associated width, length and longitudinal centerline, a second liner having a first end, a second end and an associated width, length and longitudinal centerline, the method comprising the steps of:

10 Placing a first end of the associated strip of unvulcanized material onto the first liner near the first end of the first liner;

Winding the first liner and the associated strip of unvulcanized materials so that the first ends of the first liner and the strip of unvulcanized material are generally at the center of a spiral;

15 Continuing to wind the first liner and the associated strip of unvulcanized material until the second end of the first liner is brought into contact with the strip of elastomeric material;

Placing the first end of the second liner near the second end of the first liner; and,

20 Continuing to wind the associated strip of unvulcanized materials onto the second liner.

11. The liner of claim 10 wherein the associated strip of unvulcanized material tends to stick to the first liner at a first propensity for sticking, and the associated strip of unvulcanized material tends to stick to the second liner at a second propensity for sticking, the first propensity for sticking being different than the second propensity for sticking.

12. The liner of claim 11 wherein the first propensity for sticking is greater than the second propensity for sticking.

13. A method of storing an associated strip of unvulcanized elastomeric material within a liner, the liner having a first portion, the first portion having a first end, a second end and an associated width, length and longitudinal centerline, the liner also having a second portion, the second portion having a first end, a second end and an associated width, length and longitudinal centerline, the method comprising

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the steps of:

Placing a first end of the associated strip of unvulcanized material onto the first portion of the liner near the first end of the first portion of the liner;

5 Winding the first portion of the liner and the associated strip of unvulcanized materials so that the first ends of the first portion of the liner and the strip of unvulcanized material are generally at the center of a spiral;

Continuing to wind the first portion of the liner and the associated strip of unvulcanized material until the second end of the first portion of the liner is brought into contact with the strip of elastomeric material;

10 Placing the first end of the second portion of the liner near the second end of the first portion of the liner; and,

Continuing to wind the associated strip of unvulcanized materials onto the second portion of the liner.

14. The liner of claim 13 wherein the associated strip of unvulcanized material tends to
15 stick to the first liner at a first propensity for sticking, and the associated strip of unvulcanized material tends to stick to the second liner at a second propensity for sticking, the first propensity for sticking being different than the second propensity for sticking.

15. The liner of claim 14 wherein the first propensity for sticking is greater than the
20 second propensity for sticking.